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SUBJECT: METROPOLITAN MUSEUM AND MINISTRY OF CULTURE

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1. AMBASSADOR HAS RECEIVED COPY OF LETTER FROM DANIEL HERRICK OF METROPOLITAN MUSEUM OF ART ADDRESSED TO VICTOR GIRGIS, ACTING CHAIRMAN, EGYPTIAN ANTIQUITIES ORGANIZATION. LETTER, DATED MAY 4, CONFIRMS REPORT CONTAINED REFTEL. COPY INDICATES THAT ORIGINAL LETTER ENCLOSED A CHECK FOR \$1,747,000 REPRESENTING "AN INITIAL PAYMENT OF NET PROFIT FROM SALES OF TUTANKHAMUN MERCHANDISE UNDER TERMS OF CONTRACT BETWEEN METROPOLITAN AND PRESIDENT OF EGYPTIAN ANTIQUITIES ORGANIZATION DATED NOVEMBER 24, 1975". LETTER SAYS "PURSUANT TO YOUR REQUEST, WE HAVE NOT RETAINED 20 OF THE FUNDS AVAILABLE PENDING COMPLETION OF THE SIX-CITY EXHIBITION TOUR AS HAD BEEN SUGGESTED EARLIER." AMOUNT OF CHECK WAS DETERMINED AS FOLLOWS: SALES PROCEEDS THROUGH APRIL 30, 1978, DEPOSITED IN ACCOUNT, \$1,780,000.00; PLUS INTEREST EARNED \$61,110.33; MINUS AMOUNT FOR PROCUREMENT OF MATERIALS FOR RENOVATION OF CAIRO MUSEUM AUTHORIZED BY GAMAL MOKHTAR \$83,650.00; AND COST OF VISIT OF EGYPTIAN AUTHORITIES TO TUT OPENINGS AT NEW ORLEANS AND LOS ANGELES \$ 9,517.66.

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2. LETTER CONCLUDES WITH WARM EXPRESSION OF GREAT SUCCESS OF EXHIBITION AS WELL AS SALES OF CATALOGUE AND REPRODUCTIONS, AND STATES THAT EGYPTIAN ORGANIZATION OF ANTIQUITIES WILL BE NOTIFIED WHEN ADDITIONAL PROFITS HAVE BEEN DEPOSITED ON ITS BEHALF, WHICH IS EXPECTED WITHIN 90 DAYS. MISUNDERSTANDINGS DISCUSSED IN REFTEL APPEAR TO HAVE BEEN SATISFACTORILY RESOLVED. MATTHEWS

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